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1 General

Incorporated in 1957, Houston has a total land area of 72.83 square km (2006 Census). By highway the District is 81 km west of Burns Lake and 64 km southeast of Smithers. Houston is in the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

2 Population Estimates

Annual Estimates

Year	Houston	% Change Prev. Year	BC	% Change Prev. Year
2007	3,062	n/a	4,309,632	n/a
2008	3,007	-1.8	4,384,047	1.7
2009	2,962	-1.5	4,459,947	1.7
2010	3,007	1.5	4,529,647	1.6
2011	3,039	1.1	4,573,321	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada (as of July 1, includes estimate of Census undercount)

Age Distribution

2011 Census			% Distribution, 2011 *	
Houston	Male	Female	Houston	BC
All ages	1,615	1,530	100.0	100.0
0 - 14	335	320	20.8	15.4
15 - 24	205	195	12.7	12.6
25 - 44	400	390	25.1	26.3
45 - 64	495	440	29.5	30.0
65 +	185	185	11.9	15.7

** based on published totals, both sexes*

2006 Census Profiles can be found on our Website at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp

3 Selected Census Characteristics

Characteristics	Houston 2001	Houston 2006	Houston % Change	British Columbia % Change	British Columbia 2001	British Columbia 2006
Population	3,577	3,163	- 11.6	5.3	3,907,738	4,113,487
Population (by citizenship)	3,580	3,165	- 11.6	5.3	3,868,875	4,074,385
Non-immigrant	3,120	2,835	- 9.1	2.9	2,821,870	2,904,240
Immigrant	455	300	- 34.1	10.8	1,009,820	1,119,215
Labour force (15+ yrs.)	2,090	1,865	- 10.8	8.1	2,059,950	2,226,380
Employees	1,755	1,620	- 7.7	9.2	1,715,600	1,873,050
Self-employed	265	205	- 22.6	7.4	291,455	313,000
Participation rate [ppt.=percentage points]	75.7%	74.7%	-1.0 ppt.	0.4 ppt.	65.2%	65.6%
Unemployment rate	11.7%	10.5%	-1.2 ppt.	-2.5 ppt.	8.5%	6.0%
Total population 25 to 64 years	1,950	1,755	- 10.0	6.5	2,144,050	2,284,465
No certificate, diploma or degree	570	405	- 28.9	- 40.1	471,470	282,200
High school certificate or equivalent	485	665	37.1	27.7	462,925	591,275
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	315	275	- 12.7	- 7.4	295,180	273,450
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma	330	220	- 33.3	11.3	401,760	447,005
University certificate, diploma or degree	250	190	- 24.0	34.7	512,715	690,535
Bachelor's degree	170	120	- 29.4	23.0	282,800	347,715
Census families	985	930	- 5.6	6.9	1,086,030	1,161,420
Lone-parent families	105	100	- 4.8	4.0	168,420	175,165
Households	1,340	1,220	- 9.0	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
1-family households	970	915	- 5.7	6.1	1,012,925	1,074,850
Multi-family households	10	10	-	18.4	35,050	41,510
Non-family households	360	295	- 18.1	8.3	486,355	526,785
Median Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 27,051	$ 28,497	5.3	12.5	$ 22,095	$ 24,867
Males	$ 43,085	$ 49,889	15.8	9.0	$ 28,976	$ 31,598
Females	$ 13,611	$ 16,421	20.6	14.0	$ 17,546	$ 19,997
Median Family Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 61,923	$ 75,237	21.5	20.0	$ 54,840	$ 65,787
Economic Families	995	925	- 7.0	6.5	1,044,850	1,112,810
2001 Incidence, low income 2006 Prevalence, low income	7.0%	7.0%	0.0 ppt.	-0.6 ppt.	13.9%	13.3%
Unattached persons, 15+	410	325	- 20.7	4.7	576,825	603,880
Incidence, low income	30.0%	27.7%	-2.3 ppt.	-1.4 ppt.	38.1%	36.7%
Population in private hh.	3,575	3,150	- 11.9	5.1	3,785,270	3,978,215
Incidence, low income	9.0%	8.3%	-0.7 ppt.	-0.5 ppt.	17.8%	17.3%
Dwellings	1,340	1,220	- 9.0	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
Owned	1,035	960	- 7.2	12.5	1,017,485	1,145,045
Rented	300	260	- 13.3	- 3.6	512,360	493,995
Average gross rent	$ 479	$ 534	11.5	10.4	$ 750	$ 828
Average owners' payments	$ 732	$ 802	9.6	17.1	$ 904	$ 1,059
Avg. value, owned dwel.	$ 115,624	$ 147,875	27.9	81.5	$ 230,645	$ 418,703

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are for 2005 and 2000; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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4 Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)

Industry	Houston 2001	Houston 2006	Houston % Change	BC % change	% Distribution, 2006 Houston	% Distribution, 2006 BC
Total labour force	2,090	1,865	- 10.8	8.1	100.0	100.0
Industry - Not applicable	65	30	- 53.8	- 26.6	1.6	1.5
All industries (Experienced LF)	2,025	1,835	- 9.4	8.9	98.4	98.5
111-112 Farms	25	25	-	5.2	1.3	1.8
113 Forestry and logging	130	165	26.9	- 10.0	8.8	1.0
114 Fishing, hunting and trapping	-	-	-	1.3	-	0.2
1151/2 Support activities for farms	-	-	-	11.3	-	0.1
1153 Support activities for forestry	65	45	- 30.8	- 21.5	2.4	0.3
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction	80	30	- 62.5	42.6	1.6	0.9
22 Utilities	-	-	-	- 3.4	-	0.5
23 Construction	60	50	- 16.7	39.9	2.7	7.5
31-33 Manufacturing	700	525	- 25.0	- 2.7	28.2	8.5
311 Food manufacturing	10	-	- 100.0	3.6	-	1.0
321 Wood product manufacturing	680	515	- 24.3	- 16.1	27.6	1.7
322 Paper manufacturing	-	-	-	- 13.5	-	0.6
41 Wholesale trade	55	65	18.2	11.6	3.5	4.1
44-45 Retail trade	255	235	- 7.8	6.9	12.6	11.2
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers	120	65	- 45.8	9.0	3.5	1.1
445 Food and beverage stores	50	55	10.0	8.4	2.9	2.9
448 Clothing & clothing accessories	-	15	-	9.2	0.8	1.1
452 General merchandise stores	10	10	-	6.5	0.5	1.2
48-49 Transportation & warehousing	45	85	88.9	0.6	4.6	5.2
51 Information and cultural industries	15	-	- 100.0	- 5.3	-	2.6
52 Finance and insurance	25	35	40.0	4.5	1.9	3.8
53 Real estate & rental/leasing	15	25	66.7	22.1	1.3	2.3
54 Prof'sonal, scientific & tech. serv.	25	30	20.0	18.6	1.6	7.3
55 Mgment. of companies/ent'prises	10	-	- 100.0	126.6	-	0.1
56 Admin+support, waste mgmnt srv.	50	30	- 40.0	20.4	1.6	4.4
61 Educational services	100	120	20.0	9.2	6.4	6.9
62 Health care and social assistance	105	90	- 14.3	6.5	4.8	9.6
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	-	-	-	11.3	-	2.3
72 Accommodation and food services	135	110	- 18.5	7.7	5.9	8.1
721 Accommodation services	35	25	- 28.6	2.5	1.3	1.7
722 Food services & drinking places	100	85	- 15.0	9.2	4.6	6.4
81 Other services (excl. public admin.)	55	100	81.8	11.8	5.4	4.9
91 Public administration	80	55	- 31.3	- 2.0	2.9	5.0
Special Aggregations: Agriculture, Food and Beverage	35	25	- 28.6	5.8	1.3	2.9
Special Aggregations: Fishing and Fish Processing	-	-	-	- 3.3	-	0.5
Special Aggregations: Logging and Forest Products	875	725	- 17.1	- 14.7	38.9	3.7
Special Aggregations: Mining and Mineral Products	85	30	- 64.7	17.1	1.6	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Industry according to NAICS version used in each census. Unpublished data.

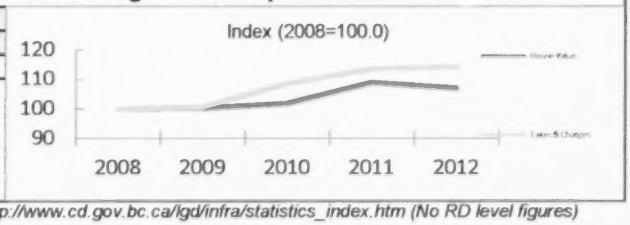
5 Business Locations- Number of Firms by Employment Size Range

	Firms with no employees		Firms with employees		% change	Bulkey-Nech RD			
	Bulkey-Nech RD	BC	Bulkey-Nech F	BC	Bulkey-Nech RD	1 to 19	20 to 49	50-199	200 Plus
2008	1,532	185,879	1,858	175,003	-	1,654	134	56	14
2009	1,416	186,541	1,782	176,124	- 4.1	1,582	135	51	14
2010	1,527	194,349	1,772	175,913	- 0.6	1,584	126	48	14
2011	1,523	195,290	1,779	173,589	0.4	1,580	139	48	12

Source: Business Register, Statistics Canada. In some areas, boundary changes/geocoding changes may cause large changes.

6 Municipal Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative Ho e

	Houston			
	House Value		Taxes & Charges	
Year	$	% change	$	% change
2008	112,166		2,015	
2009	112,344	0.2	2,029	0.7
2010	114,109	1.6	2,187	7.8
2011	122,140	7.0	2,288	4.6
2012	119,863	-1.9	2,300	0.5



Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics_index.htm (No RD level figures)

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7 Values of Building Permits

Year	Residential Number of Units Houston	Residential Number of Units BC	Residential Value $'000 Houston	Residential Value $'000 BC	Non-Residential Value $'000 Houston	Non-Residential Value $'000 BC	Total Value $'000 Houston	Total Value $'000 BC	Year
2007	9	40,932	1,428	8,611,723	1,957	3,932,968	3,385	12,544,691	2007
2008	1	30,110	364	6,899,289	733	3,677,866	1,097	10,577,155	2008
2009	2	18,607	494	4,491,075	27	3,138,810	521	7,629,885	2009
2010	8	28,984	1,261	6,705,888	3,168	3,017,921	4,429	9,723,809	2010
2011	1	25,745	546	6,113,406	1,720	3,136,361	2,266	9,249,767	2011

Source: Statistics Canada

Note: Detailed non-residential permits data can be found on our Website: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
A dash can indicate a nil report, a value of less than $500, or non-reporting. P indicates 'preliminary'.

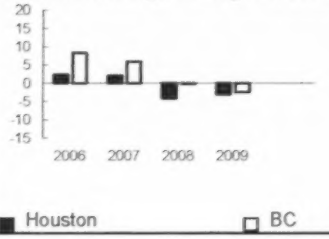
8 Personal Taxation Statistics

Total Income of All Returns

Year	All Returns (number) Houston	All Returns (number) BC	Average Income ($) Houston	Average Income ($) BC	% Change avg. income Houston	% Change avg. income BC
2005	2,810	3,154,090	40,354	35,601	n/a	n/a
2006	2,830	3,165,750	41,269	38,523	2.3	8.2
2007	2,860	3,287,750	42,088	40,802	2.0	5.9
2008	2,860	3,383,640	40,340	40,736	-4.2	-0.2
2009	2,800	3,406,860	39,116	39,754	-3.0	-2.4

Taxation data available at :http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/income.asp

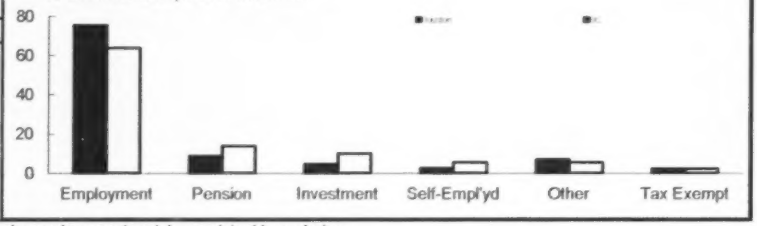
Percent Change in Avg. Income



Source of Total Income 2009

	Houston $Thousands	Houston % of Total	BC % of Total
Employment	82,552	75.4	63.7
Pension	9,587	8.8	13.8
Investment	4,879	4.5	9.8
Self-Employed	2,601	2.4	5.3
Other	7,425	6.8	5.3
Tax Exempt	2,481	2.3	2.0
Total	109,525	100.0	100.0

% Distribution, Total Income



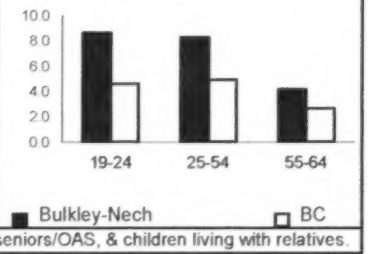
Source : Canada Revenue Agency. Areas are defined by postal codes and may not match municipal boundaries.

9 Dependency on the Safety Net

Percentage of Population by Age Receiving Benefits - September 2009

Age Group	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) Bulkley-Nech	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) BC	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) Bulkley-Nech	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) BC	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) Bulkley-Nech	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) BC
Under 19	4.3	2.7				
19-24	4.2	2.1	4.5	2.6	8.6	4.6
25-54	2.6	1.9	5.7	3.1	8.3	4.9
55-64	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.0	4.2	2.6
19-64	2.5	1.7	5.0	2.8	7.5	4.4

Total Beneficiaries by Age Group, % (Basic BC Assistance & EI)



* On temporary assistance only. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance, aboriginals living on reserve, seniors/OAS, & children living with relatives.

Source: BC Stats (using administrative files from the BC Ministry of Housing & Social Development, and Human Resources & Social Development Canada)

Note: EI Beneficiareies reports now include regular, fishing and employment benefits, work sharing and support measures. The reports exclude sickness, maternity and parental benefits.

10 Business Formations and Failures

Year	Incorporations Number Houston	Incorporations Number BC	Year	Bankruptcies Prince George Business	Prince George Consumer	Nechako DR Business	Nechako DR Consumer	BC Business	BC Consumer
2007	1	34,036	2005	34	330	n.a.	n.a.	786	8,168
2008	-	30,085	2006	18	188	10	65	585	7,020
2009	2	26,431	2007	18	168	1	51	470	6,651
2010	3	30,305	2008	24	226	8	70	454	7,293
2011	1	30,844	2009	19	315	4	88	380	10,639

Source: BC Ministry of Finance

Incorporations are counted in municipality of the registered office address which may differ from the actual business location.

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada

Note: Bankruptcy is by urban postal code forward sortation area and is counted where it is filed.

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